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offered by the diversity of licencing procedures to establish a kind of automatic licensing system whereby various articles were designated as being liable, at any time, to quota restriction and the list of products subject to restriction could be supplemented by articles previously given liberalized treatment. The difficulties of Czechoslovak exporters were compounded by the fact that quotas for the coming year were announced very late. Moreover, several Western countries were now denouncing the "self-regulation" or voluntary restriction of exports and applying import price controls.

6. In his delegation's view, UNCTAD should take action to deal with the serious problem of the protectionism practised by Western countries. The socialist countries were ready to help in the search for a solution, as at the fifth session of the Conference, when they had submitted a draft resolution on protectionism, in the interests of all the countries, developing and socialist, affected by it.

The meeting rose at 1.20 p.m.